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Energy Sector

1. *September 5, Alexandria Times* – (Virginia) **Alexandria Fire Department again last to know of Norfolk Southern ethanol spill.** Norfolk Southern Corporation employees spilled about 150 gallons of ethanol while transferring the highly flammable liquid from a railroad car to a tanker truck in Alexandria, Virginia, September 4. The truck overflowed, activating an emergency system that helped employees contain the spill without injuries or contamination to the surrounding area, a company spokesman said. Norfolk Southern's West End transloading facility sits a stone's throw from dense housing developments, Samuel Tucker Elementary School, the Van Dorn Metro station, and the Capital Beltway, yet local firefighters were the last emergency response officials to know, said a City of Alexandria spokesman. Instead, railroad officials notified the National Response Center, who then notified the Virginia Department of Emergency Management, who in turn notified the Alexandria Fire Department of the spill several hours after it occurred. "The City and the Alexandria Fire Department will aggressively follow up with Norfolk Southern management regarding their failure to immediately notify the Alexandria Fire Department of the spill today," the city spokesman said in a statement. The facility can handle 20 train cars on-site, each with the capability of holding 29,000 gallons of the chemical.
Source: <http://alextimes.com/2012/09/alexandria-fire-department-again-last-to-know-of-norfolk-southern-ethanol-spill/>
2. *September 5, Associated Press* – (Alaska) **10,000 without power after Anchorage windstorm.** A windstorm that brought gusts of more than 50 mph knocked out power across much of the Anchorage, Alaska area. An Anchorage police dispatcher said September 5 that the storm caused extensive damage and that authorities were fielding many calls related to the storm. KTUU 2 Anchorage reported that areas near downtown and South Anchorage were among the neighborhoods without power. A Chugach Electric spokesman said the utility has "lots of feeder and transmission lines out." He estimated more than 10,000 customers were without power. Municipal Light & Power said that up to 15,000 customers could be in the dark.
Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/weather/2012/09/05/10000-without-power-after-anchorage-windstorm/>
3. *September 4, New Orleans Times-Picayune* – (Louisiana) **Coast Guard investigating 90 reports of oil, chemical leaks following Hurricane Isaac.** The Coast Guard is investigating about 90 reports of oil and chemical releases associated with Hurricane Isaac, including a leak from a closed storage facility in Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, which killed several brown pelicans, officials said September 4. Separately, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife & Fisheries closed a stretch of coastline from Elmer's Island to Belle Pass after a tar mat appeared in the Gulf of Mexico and tar balls washed ashore. The closure affects commercial and recreational fisheries from the shore to 1 mile offshore. The agency and State Department of Environmental Quality will determine the source of the oil, but its location has stoked concerns that it is remnants of the 2010 Deepwater Horizon explosion and subsequent oil leak. A "defunct" terminal with storage tanks at Myrtle Grove leaked oil that has been

contained, said the commander of Coast Guard Sector New Orleans and captain of the port of New Orleans. Other reports range from loose barrels to overturned rail cars and tanks that are not leaking. He also cited a chemical release in Braithwaite.

Source:

http://www.nola.com/hurricane/index.ssf/2012/09/coast_guard_investigating_90_r.html

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Chemical Industry Sector

4. *September 4, Reading-North Reading Patch* – (Massachusetts) **Ammonia leak on Concord Street in North Reading.** The North Reading, Massachusetts Fire Department responded to a freight transportation company September 4 for an ammonia leak. Firefighters responded for a chemical spill at the Roadway facility and evacuated about 25 employees. A container was being loaded onto a truck, and during the process it was punctured causing the leak. The Massachusetts State Hazardous Materials team responded to assist with the clean up and once they deemed the area safe, a private firm continued the clean-up efforts. The container was removed from the building and placed in the back of the parking lot to make it easier to clean. The fire department opened the doors to the building to air it out, and after many hours, the employees were allowed to re-enter. Fire officials said they were unsure how much ammonia leaked and would not know until the clean up was complete.

Source: <http://reading-northreading.patch.com/articles/ammonia-leak-on-concord-street-in-north-reading>

5. *September 3, Intelligencer; Wheeling News-Register* – (West Virginia) **PPG on watch after blaze.** Employees at PPG Industries' Natrium facility in New Martinsville, West Virginia, were keeping a close eye on the scene of a blaze that injured a firefighter and shut down part of W.Va. 2. The fire was reported at the southern Marshall County facility early the evening of September 1, said the Marshall County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) director. Firefighters from Washington Lands, Moundsville, and New Martinsville assisted the on-site PPG fire brigade. Police officials shut down a section of State Route 2 for about 10 minutes. The fire was extinguished after about 3 hours, but firefighters monitored the scene for hot spots for another 2 hours after that, said the EMA director. The PPG fire brigade monitored the scene September 2, he said. One firefighter was taken to the hospital and treated and released. PPG plans to conduct an internal investigation into the cause of the fire, and then meet with all of the responding fire departments, the EMA director said.

Source: <http://www.news-register.net/page/content.detail/id/573915/PPG-On-Watch-After-Blaze.html?nav=515>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

6. *September 5, Reuters* – (International) **Chemical reaction sparks alert at French nuclear plant.** A chemical reaction at the Fessenheim nuclear power plant in Strasbourg, France injured two staff and triggered a brief fire alert September 5, local government and fire service officials said. The incident, sparked by a chemical reaction, was quickly brought under control, the officials at the local government prefect's office and the fire services said. French power utility EDF, which operates the plant, said there had been a steam leak there but denied initial reports from the local fire brigade that a fire had broken out. "Steam escaped during a maintenance operation which set off the fire alarm," a spokeswoman said.
Source: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/sns-rt-us-france-nuclear-accidentbre88410b-20120905.0,4295327.story>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

7. *September 5, United Press International* – (Missouri) **Two Chinese nationals charged in U.S.** Two Chinese nationals face federal charges for allegedly trying to steal trade secrets from Pittsburgh Corning's plant in Sedalia, Missouri. The two, both citizens of China, were charged with attempting to pay \$100,000 for the stolen trade secrets from the Sedalia plant, which makes FOAMGLAS, said the acting U.S. attorney, the U.S. Justice Department said on its Web site. The two were charged in a federal criminal complaint, alleging they tried to illegally buy trade secrets for the purpose of opening a plant in China to compete with Pittsburgh Corning. The two were arrested in their hotel room August 26 by the FBI, the report said. The various grades of cellular glass insulation sold under the trade name FOAMGLAS are used to insulate industrial piping systems and liquefied natural gas storage tank bases largely used by energy and petrochemical companies and by natural gas facilities, the report said. The report said Pittsburgh Corning recently reported technological advances in these products and that the company treats its product formula and manufacturing process as proprietary and trade secrets. The report said Pittsburgh Corning is in negotiations to build a plant in China.
Source: http://www.upi.com/Top_News/US/2012/09/05/Two-Chinese-nationals-charged-in-US/UPI-26711346817976/
8. *September 4, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Ohio) **U.S. Department of Labor's OSHA cites Logan Machine Co. for 16 violations after investigating complaint of hazards at Akron, Ohio, machine shop.** The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration September 4 cited Logan Machine Co. in Akron, Ohio, with 16 safety and health violations following a March inspection that was initiated upon receiving a complaint that alleged hazards. Proposed penalties totaled \$66,600. Eight serious safety violations involved failing to evaluate each powered industrial truck

operator's performance at least once every 3 years, regularly inspect powered industrial vehicles, establish proper lockout/tagout procedures for the energy sources of equipment, use undamaged web slings, properly guard machines, and reduce compressed air used for cleaning to 30 pounds per square inch. Seven serious health violations involved failing to properly store flammable and combustible materials, use undamaged welding helmets, provide fire extinguishers, and use explosion-proof electrical fixtures in the paint room. One other-than-serious violation was also cited.

Source:

http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=22947

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

9. *September 4, Knoxville News Sentinel* – (Tennessee) **B&W Y-12 threatens to terminate WSI's security subcontract 'for default' if quick actions aren't taken.** B&W Y-12, the government's managing contractor at the Y-12 nuclear weapons plant in Tennessee, issued a statement September 4 saying it notified WSI-Oak Ridge — the subcontractor for protective forces at Y-12 — that its contract would be terminated "for default" if actions were not taken quickly to address a number of security issues and concerns. B&W said the notice was issued as a result of an "on-site personnel incident that occurred Aug. 29 involving a WSI staff member." B&W did not specify the incident, but it apparently was the discovery of sensitive test materials related to the Department of Energy's top-to-bottom security inspections and tests following the July 28 security breach at the Oak Ridge plant. There were indications that materials were being used in an unauthorized way to help security guards perform better on upcoming tests. B&W, which also faces a show-cause notice from the government and could lose its management contract at Y-12 because of the security breach by protesters and other issues, said it already put WSI on notice earlier in August to explain its overall actions in the July 28 security breach and since.

Source: <http://blogs.knoxnews.com/munger/2012/09/bw-y-12-threatens-to-terminate.html>

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Banking and Finance Sector

10. *September 5, Ogden Standard-Examiner* – (Missouri; National) **Bucket List Bandit suspected in 2 Mo. bank robberies.** The Bucket List Bandit, nicknamed because he passed a threatening note to a teller at a Wells Fargo Bank in Roy, Utah, July 6 claiming he only had 4 months to live, is now suspected of robbing a Landmark Bank in Columbia, Missouri, August 29 and a Lindell Bank in O'Fallon August 30, the

Ogden Standard-Examiner reported September 5. In bank surveillance videos from the Missouri heists, the Bucket List Bandit appeared to be clad in the same blue polo shirt he wore during the Roy robbery. In addition to the Roy and Missouri robberies, the Bucket List Bandit is suspected of bank heists in Arvada, Colorado; Flagstaff, Arizona; Pocatello, Idaho; Winston-Salem, North Carolina; Chattanooga, Tennessee; and Bloomington, Illinois, since July. No one has been injured in any of the holdups. The suspect has not displayed a weapon but has implied that he had one in several robberies.

Source: <http://www.standard.net/stories/2012/09/04/bucket-list-bandit-suspected-2-mo-bank-robberies>

11. *September 5, KNBC 4 Los Angeles* – (California) **Kidnappers strapped device to bank employee for East LA robbery: LASD.** Two men wearing ski masks kidnapped a bank employee held her overnight, attached a supposed bomb to her and then had her rob an East Los Angeles bank, according to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD). She was abducted from her home in Huntington Park, California, September 4, an LASD captain said. The morning of September 5, the woman was at a Bank of America branch in Los Angeles, he said. "She went into the bank, and she told another employee or employees that she had this device attached to her, and that she was demanded by the robbers to (get) the money from the bank and throw it outside." A SWAT team, bomb squad, sheriff's deputies, and the fire department responded to the branch on Atlantic Boulevard. Aerial video showed a deputy remove a small object from the bank and place it on a street curb. A bomb-squad member surrounded the device with sand bags, before a robot fired a projectile into the device. Authorities were searching for the two alleged robbers, who reportedly fled in a Kia, possibly white. At least one suspect had a gun. Late the morning of September 5, the area around Atlantic and Whittier boulevards remained closed, and a nearby high school was placed on lockdown.

Source: <http://www.nbclosangeles.com/news/local/East-LA-Kidnapping-168624296.html>

12. *September 4, Reuters* – (National) **Former WaMu units reach \$26 mln settlement in mortgage securities case.** Two former Washington Mutual Bank (WaMu) units reached a \$26 million settlement agreement over claims they misled investors over the sale of mortgage-backed securities, Reuters reported September 5. Lawyers for plaintiffs filed a notice of the settlement in U.S. federal court in Seattle, averting a trial that was scheduled to begin September 17. The lawsuit alleged that registration documents filed in connection to the securities failed to accurately describe WaMu's underwriting practices. The settlement falls well short of the \$558 million damages estimate made by an expert for the plaintiffs in court filings, but an attorney for the plaintiffs said he believed it was a good result given the limited funds available after WaMu's bankruptcy. The settling WaMu defendants were WaMu Asset Acceptance Corp and WaMu Capital Corp.

Source: <http://reuters.com/article/2012/09/05/wamu-settlement-idINL2E8K51OI20120905>

13. *September 4, Ars Technica* – (International) **Hacker steals \$250k in Bitcoins from online exchange Bitfloor.** The future of the up-and-coming Bitcoin exchange Bitfloor was thrown into question September 4 when the company's founder reported that someone compromised his servers and made off with about 24,000 Bitcoins, worth almost \$250,000. The exchange no longer has enough cash to cover all of its deposits, and it suspended its operations while it considers its options. Bitfloor is not the first Bitcoin service brought low by hackers. In 2011, the most popular Bitcoin exchange, Mt.Gox, suspended operations for a week after an attacker compromised a user account and sold all of his Bitcoins in a firesale that temporarily pushed the price down to zero. The site survived the attack and remains the leading Bitcoin exchange today. Hackers made off with another \$228,000 in Bitcoins from online services earlier this year. Bitcoin's peer-to-peer design means that transactions are irreversible. Once a transaction appears in the blockchain, the global record of Bitcoin transactions, no one has the authority to reverse it. And the pseudonymous nature of Bitcoin makes it difficult to trace stolen Bitcoins to their new owners.
Source: <http://arstechnica.com/tech-policy/2012/09/hacker-steals-250k-in-bitcoins-from-online-exchange-bitfloor/>
14. *September 4, GateHouse News Service* – (Illinois) **\$21,000 stolen from ATM.** Springfield, Illinois police were trying to determine how someone stole \$21,000 from an ATM machine at a Marine Bank without damaging the machine, GateHouse News Service reported September 4. The thief stole \$21,000 in \$20 bills from the machine September 2. An alarm on the machine notified officers of the theft. According to a police report, video surveillance showed somebody around the ATM. However, it did not indicate how the person gained access inside the machine. The ATM was still locked when officers arrived. Police believed the thief may have used a code to get the machine to dispense money.
Source: <http://www.sj-r.com/breaking/x1547503960/-21-000-stolen-from-ATM>
15. *September 4, KPTV 12 Portland* – (Oregon) **Police: Panda bandit arrested after DUI in Oregon.** State troopers in Oregon pulled over a woman suspected of driving under the influence August 31, and soon learned the woman was a serial bank robber known as the "panda bandit", KPTV 12 Portland reported September 4. Troopers stopped the woman after getting a complaint of erratic driving and found she was wanted on a felony warrant held by the FBI, accusing her of bank robbery. In addition to local charges of driving under the influence and possession of a controlled substance, she was likely to be charged with robbery in connection with an August 30 robbery of a U.S. Bank in Portland, an August 29 robbery at another U.S. Bank in Hillsboro, a July 11 robbery at a Wells Fargo Bank in Aloha, and a July 10 robbery at a U.S. Bank in Aloha. She was given the "panda bandit" nickname because she wore a panda face hat during the July 10 robbery.
Source: <http://www.kptv.com/story/19451726/police-panda-hat-bandit-arrested-after-driving-under-the-influence>
16. *September 4, Reuters* – (International) **U.S. SEC charges China Sky One with securities fraud.** The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) charged China Sky One Medical Inc and its chief executive with securities fraud and said the company

recorded fake sales of a weight loss product, Reuters reported September 4. China Sky One inflated revenues in its financial statements by booking \$19.8 million in phony export sales, the SEC said. The company, based in China, said in 2007 securities filings it had entered into a distribution agreement with a Malaysian company that would generate the sales, but never entered into such an agreement. The company's chief executive certified the overstated financial results, which appeared in financial statements through 2010. The case is the latest in a series of actions the SEC has taken against Chinese companies listed in the U.S. Dozens of such companies, which often go public by merging with shell companies, have disclosed auditor resignations or bookkeeping irregularities. The company's auditor, MSPC, resigned in March after one of the company's directors resigned and said he was having trouble getting in touch with the company's finance executives.

Source: <http://reuters.com/article/2012/09/04/skyone-sec-fraud-idINL2E8K4BAR20120904>

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Transportation Sector

17. *September 4, Parsippany Daily Record* – (New Jersey) **Fire destroys historic Sparta Train Station.** The historic Sparta Train Station in Sparta, New Jersey was destroyed September 3 in a fire, according to police. Rail service for The New York Susquehanna & Western Railroad Line was disrupted for approximately 3 hours until the scene could be made safe, police said. Firefighters from the Sparta and Ogdensburg Fire Departments battled the blaze for approximately an hour and a half before finally clearing from the scene. One firefighter from Ogdensburg suffered from heat exhaustion and was treated at the scene. No other structures were damaged as a result of the fire.

Source: http://www.dailyrecord.com/article/20120904/NJNEWS/309040032/Fire-destroys-historic-Sparta-Train-Station?odyssey=nav|head&nclick_check=1

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Postal and Shipping Sector

Nothing to report

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Agriculture and Food Sector

18. *September 5, Associated Press* – (Minnesota) **New basil fungal disease found in Minnesota.** Minnesota gardeners who grow basil for cooking should be aware of a new fungal disease that attacks the herb, the Associated Press reported September 5. The Minnesota Department of Agriculture confirmed the State's first case of basil downy

mildew. The disease damages leaves, resulting in unmarketable plants. The fungus can affect basil grown in gardens as well as in commercial greenhouses. The disease is spread by infected seed in transplants as well as by windblown spores.

Source: <http://www.sacbee.com/2012/09/05/4787943/new-basil-fungal-disease-found.html>

19. *September 3, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **Cutting Edge Concessions issues allergy alert on undeclared milk and red 40 in 5 oz Shake’Ems seasoning cups.** Cutting Edge Concessions issued an allergy alert on undeclared milk and red 40 in 0.5 ounce Shake’Ems seasoning cups distributed in movie theaters in California, Colorado, Arkansas, and Tennessee, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) reported September 3. The recall was initiated after the FDA discovered that the products contained milk and red 40, but product packaging did not reveal the presence of these ingredients. Subsequent investigation indicated the problem was caused by a temporary breakdown in the company’s labeling process. Production of the product was suspended until the FDA and the company are certain that the problem has been corrected.

Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm318193.htm>

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Water Sector

20. *September 5, Monterey County Herald* – (California) **Water main breaks in Seaside.** A water main break in Seaside, California, gushed 120,000 gallons of water September 4 as California American Water Co. (Cal Am) crews worked on replacing pipelines. A Cal Am spokeswoman said the break occurred after crewmen began pressurizing the new water mains at Broadway Avenue and Judson Street. The massive leak opened a sinkhole measuring 30 by 20 feet, she said, and cut water service off to 36 homes in the area. The leak was capped within 30 minutes and service was restored to Cal Am customers within about 4 hours. Water was gushing at about 4,000 gallons per minute. Cost of the leakage, if billed to a Cal Am residential fixed-rate customer, would have been about \$5,920, the spokeswoman said.
Source: http://www.montereyherald.com/local/ci_21466810/seaside-water-main-breaks-creates-sinkhole
21. *September 5, El Centro Imperial Valley Press* – (California) **Brawley assesses earthquake damages.** Seventy individuals were displaced, 21 mobile homes were red-tagged, and residents in Brawley, California, and the city were working to repair all earthquake-related damages, the Imperial Valley Press reported September 5. More than a week after swarms of earthquakes rocked Brawley, the city discussed the status of its impacts and damages during its September 4 council meeting. The city experienced multiple water breaks due to the quakes, costing the city about \$30,000 in equipment, overtime, and street and utilities materials expenses. A 4-inch cast-iron pipeline was among the damages, breaking four times during the swarms, a Brawley

city manager said. A 6-inch pipeline broke twice she said. The city approved a measure to spend \$35,000 on an emergency fund to create a bypass for the Mansfield Canal Pipeline, which was significantly damaged, until reinforced concrete pipes are installed. The city will stop water to the pipe and drain it September 5, then officials will evaluate the pipeline and begin repairs September 6. The city will finish repairs and re-establish the water September 7. A total of 18 buildings were inspected and showed damages requiring further action, the city manager said. The city planned a visit with the Small Business Administration and California Emergency Management Agency to consider possible assistance and further data collection regarding local economic injuries from the earthquakes and refinement of cost, the city manager said. Julia Drive and Willard Avenue will remained closed through September 7. The city also issued a conserve water advisory for all commercial and residential use, due to the repairs.

Source: <http://www.ivpressonline.com/news/ivp-news-brawley-assesses-quake-damages-20120905,0,6717004.story>

22. *September 4, Thibodaux Daily Comet* – (Louisiana) **Thibodaux residents asked to conserve water.** The mayor of Thibodaux, Louisiana, asked residents to conserve water while the city waited for water conditions to improve in Bayou Lafourche, the Thibodaux Daily Comet reported September 4. The city was drawing water from the Adley Landry Water Reservoir while water conditions improved following Hurricane Isaac the week of August 27. While the water from the bayou can be treated, it is short of oxygen because of rotting vegetation cast into the bayou by the storm. Though the water is safe, the mayor, said this is necessary to conserve water from the reservoir until conditions in the bayou improve in about 2 or 3 days.

Source:

<http://www.dailycomet.com/article/20120904/ARTICLES/120909903?p=1&tc=pg>

23. *September 4, KTVU 2 Oakland* – (California) **SF school shutdown by massive water main break reopens.** A school in San Francisco's Visitacion Valley neighborhood reopened September 4 after a week-long closure prompted by flooding from a large water main that ruptured nearby, stated school officials. The 42-inch pipe broke August 28 sending water gushing into several nearby homes and the Our Lady of the Visitacion School nearby. The water damaged multiple classrooms, as well as the school's gymnasium and administrative offices and a convent that is associated with the school. Over the weekend of September 1, construction crews finished repairing a gaping hole in the street that was created by the rupture, a San Francisco Public Utilities Commission spokeswoman said. Crews plan to return to the site at a later date to dig up the road again to replace the 42-inch pipe, she said. Water service was back to normal for all residents in the area.

Source: <http://www.ktvu.com/news/news/local/sf-school-shutdown-massive-water-main-break-reopen/nR3K2/>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

24. *September 5, Chicago Tribune* – (Illinois) **Cops: At least 1 of 2 Sycamore shooting victims died of self-inflicted gunshot.** The two people found shot to death the evening of September 4 in a Sycamore, Illinois hospital room were a Putnam County couple, police said September 5. A female visited a male patient at Kindred Hospital Sycamore September 4. Early in the evening, the two were found shot to death in the male's hospital room. "Information developed at the scene, including the recovery of a handgun, suggested that one or both of the victims' deaths were self-inflicted," police said in a news release. The investigation is ongoing, police said. Kindred is a long-term acute care facility that handles medically complex cases, according to the hospital's Web site. The shooting incident did not require evacuation or significantly interrupt hospital functions, a police chief said.
Source: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/local/breaking/chi-two-dead-in-sycamore-hospital-shooting-cops-say-20120904,0,4592572.story>
25. *September 4, Long Island Newsday* – (New York) **Nursing home evacuation complete after propane leak.** About 85 patients were evacuated from Cedar Lodge Nursing Home in Center Moriches, New York, after a leak in a propane tank was reported September 4, authorities said. Seventeen fire and rescue departments helped empty the nursing home while experts mounted a controlled "burn off" of propane inside a 500-gallon tank buried there. The evacuation took hours, and patients who needed the most care were taken to hospitals and the others were taken to Center Moriches High School. Evacuations at the nursing home complex were started as a precaution. Cedar Lodge is a 100-bed facility that specializes in long-term care and rehabilitation services.
Source: <http://www.newsday.com/long-island/suffolk/nursing-home-evacuation-complete-after-propane-leak-1.3951236>
26. *August 31, Houston Chronicle* – (Texas) **Hospital district patient names sold in Medicare scheme.** The Houston Chronicle reported August 31 that the Harris County Hospital District August 30 notified approximately 3,000 patients that their information, including addresses, phone numbers, dates of birth, and Social Security numbers, may have been stolen by a former employee indicted in federal court in a Medicare kickback scheme involving 2 home health care operators. "The alleged misuse of the information, as far as the hospital district knows at this time, was designed by the former employee to defraud Medicare and not patients," according to a statement issued by the hospital district. The former employee was among 107 people named in a nationwide Medicare fraud sweep in May. He was accused of selling patient information to the owner of Jackson Home Healthcare who would, in turn, disclose that information to others, including the employees of Houston Compassionate Care Inc.
Source: <http://www.chron.com/news/houston-texas/article/Hospital-district-patient-names-sold-in-Medicare-3829012.php>

Government Facilities Sector

27. *September 5, Agence France-Presse* – (International) **US FBI to lead Pakistan blast probe.** The FBI will lead the probe into a suicide car bomb attack on an American diplomatic car in Pakistan that killed two people, U.S. officials said September 5. The FBI team will work alongside Pakistani investigators as they search for clues to who was behind the September 3 blast in the northwestern city of Peshawar, in which an attacker rammed his explosives-laden car into a U.S. consulate vehicle. Two American and two Pakistani consulate employees were wounded in the bombing. No group has yet claimed responsibility, but militants linked to the Taliban and Al Qaeda have targeted the consulate and its staff at least twice before since April 2010.
Source: http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5j0JTWq6huZ_PjitzMGT_wqUxY-RQ?docId=CNG.5d2ec792377aa5e4409a15b3d69dd102.4a1
28. *September 5, Attleboro Sun Chronicle* – (Massachusetts) **Foxboro man accused of threat jailed.** A local construction worker on probation since July after admitting he threatened a Foxboro, Massachusetts selectman with violence if he did not vote for a casino, was back in court September 4, charged with violating a restraining order September 3. The Wrentham District Court judge granted a probation department request September 4 to hold the suspect without bail until a final probation surrender hearing and pre-trial conference October 2, said a spokesman for the Norfolk district attorney. Foxboro police arrested him near the selectman's home September 3, charging him with violating the order and with disorderly conduct, the police chief said. July 12, the suspect was ordered not to come within 50 yards of the selectman, the selectman's family, or his home.
Source: http://www.thesunchronicle.com/news/local_news/foxboro-man-accused-of-threat-jailed/article_fccb9b26-21ba-509b-94b3-14aa2e143a26.html
29. *September 5, Associated Press* – (National) **Pentagon: Bin Laden book has classified info.** A former Navy SEAL's insider account of the U.S. raid that killed a notorious terrorist contains classified information, the Pentagon press secretary told reporters September 4. The Pentagon spokesman said that an official review of the book determined that it reveals what he called "sensitive and classified" information. He said the book should have been submitted to the Pentagon before publication for a formal review of potential disclosures. A lawyer for the author has disputed that he was legally obliged to have the book screened before publication.
Source: <http://thechronicleherald.ca/world/132825-world-in-brief-september-5-2012>
30. *September 5, Associated Press* – (New York) **Teen accused of making threats against his school.** A Long Island teenager is facing charges he made threats September 4 against his high school. Nassau County, New York police say the teenager was overheard making threats inside a bagel store near Massapequa High School. Witnesses told police he said he "wanted to bomb the school and be a terrorist," as well as other threatening comments. He was charged with making a terrorist threat, which is a felony. The high school principal posted a letter on the school Web site saying all threats are taken very seriously. She added the student faces school sanctions, as well

as criminal charges.

Source:

http://abclocal.go.com/wabc/story?section=news/local/long_island&id=8798681

31. *September 4, Associated Press* – (Maryland) **Alleged Md. school shooter indicted on 29 counts.** A high school sophomore was indicted September 4 on 29 counts related to the shooting of a classmate at a suburban Baltimore school, and the charging document alleges that the teen intended to kill eight other people. A Baltimore County, Maryland grand jury indicted him on nine counts of attempted murder, nine counts of first-degree assault, and nine counts of reckless endangerment, along with two gun charges. According to police, he brought an antique shotgun to Perry Hall High School August 27 on the first day of classes and fired two shots. One classmate was critically wounded. The victim was sitting at a lunch table with several other students, and the shot that injured him was fired in the direction of that table, according to police, who said the suspect apparently chose the victim at random. He then fired another shot into the ceiling as a guidance counselor and other employees rushed him and wrestled the gun away, police said.

Source: http://www.cbsnews.com/8301-501363_162-57506080/alleged-md-school-shooter-indicted-on-29-counts/

32. *September 3, Detroit Free Press* – (Michigan) **Stolen U.S. Secret Service U-Haul is recovered in Detroit.** A U-Haul truck that contained equipment for the U.S. Secret Service was recovered September 3, 2 days after it was stolen from outside a downtown Detroit hotel. The agency rented the truck to haul equipment, according to a spokesman for the U.S. Secret Service. He said the truck was recovered from the parking lot of an apartment complex near Henry Ford Hospital, and they are still assessing what was taken. “It appears that some, but not all, of our equipment has been recovered,” he said. Some of the equipment was found September 3 at an abandoned property on Dolphin Street, he said. A local resident called two Detroit police precincts and 9-1-1 after she saw two gray and one black case at the property. Some of the materials were marked with the initials U.S.S., she said.

Source: <http://www.freep.com/article/20120903/NEWS01/120903021/stolen-biden-u-haul-secret-service>

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Emergency Services Sector

33. *September 5, USA Today* – (Alabama) **Alabama first state to scan fingerprints of prison visitors.** The Alabama Department of Corrections has enacted a first-in-the-nation policy requiring visitors at the State’s prisons to have their fingerprint scanned before they are allowed to enter the facilities, USA Today reported September 5. No other State prison system has a similar requirement. The change, implemented in August, has its roots in the prison system getting a new computer program, said a spokesman for the Department of Corrections. He stated, “We still require visitors to

have a government-issued photo ID, and that requirement will remain in place. But there are times when someone else resembles the photo on an ID. Scanning the fingerprint of visitors verifies they are who they say they are.” Alabama prison visitors’ fingerprints will not be filed in a database, and the prints will not be shared with other local, State, or national law enforcement agencies, the corrections spokesman said.

Source:

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/usatoday/article/57587480?odyssey=mod|newswell|text|News|p>

34. *September 5, Tredyffrin-Easttown Patch* – (Pennsylvania) **New details in Tredyffrin police car fire.** A fiery explosion blew apart a Tredyffrin, Pennsylvania Police Department patrol vehicle September 1, blowing the trunk, glass, and metal 50 feet into the air. The Tredyffrin police superintendent said a police woman was on patrol when she smelled smoke coming from the rear of her car. The officer got out of the vehicle and called for help. She was able to remove her firearms and ammunition from the car as she got out. Moments later the car was engulfed in flames. Firefighters were able to extinguish the fire shortly after their arrival. According to the fire company and the police chief, the Chester County Fire Marshal is investigating the cause of the blaze, which started in the rear wheel well area. The fire company reports that “a preliminary source of the blaze has been attributed to the area of the secondary power distribution system located in the trunk of the car.” There have been a number of incidents of Dodge Charger police cars catching fire in the past 2 years.

Source: <http://te.patch.com/articles/new-details-in-tredyffrin-police-car-fire>

35. *September 5, El Centro Imperial Valley Press* – (California) **5 injured after inmates attack at Calipatria State Prison.** Five Calipatria, California State Prison workers were injured September 4 after 30 to 40 inmates attacked them outside one of the housing facilities. The prison was on a modified program — only allowing for minimal movements around the facility — September 4 after four correctional officers and one sergeant were hurt in “an unprovoked attack,” the administrative lieutenant said. An officer had been doing a search in front of one of the housing units when the inmates were being called back to their cells, and one inmate swung around and started to hit the officer. Immediately, between 30 and 40 inmates ran to join the attack, he said. Because the inmates did not stop, two warning shots were fired. That, however, did not quell the incident, and chemical agents and 44-mm rounds of nonlethal foam projectiles were used to bring the inmates into compliance, he said. When the incident was over, the five workers were taken to an outside medical facility to be evaluated.

Source: <http://www.ivpressonline.com/news/ivp-news-5-five-injured-after-inmates-attack-at-calipatria-state-prison-20120905,0,3558571.story>

36. *September 5, KTVI 2 St. Louis* – (Missouri) **Woman says man posing as cop pulled her over, punched her.** Clayton, Missouri police are investigating a possible case of a man impersonating a law officer. Authorities said the suspect pulled over a woman September 5 in a police-like vehicle, then physically assaulted her before she was able to get away. Investigators said the woman was driving when the man pulled up behind her. KTVI 2 St. Louis was told the car had flashing lights on the dashboard and flashing headlights. The car also had a spotlight. The man got out of the car and was

wearing a gray shirt with an oval gold badge on it along with dark pants and a holster with something on the left side of it. He reportedly opened the woman's door, pulled her out, punched her in the face, then pulled her to the front of her car and threw her on the ground. The police chief said the woman hit the man in the groin, and then got into her car and drove off to her workplace where she called police.

Source: <http://fox2now.com/2012/09/05/woman-says-man-posing-as-cop-pulled-her-over-punched-her/>

37. *September 5, Associated Press* – (Washington) **Washington sniper was disabled military veteran who recently divorced, moved to rural home.** A sniper killed in a shootout with police about 50 miles north of Seattle was described September 5 as a disabled military veteran who was recently divorced and had mental health problems. He died from multiple gunshot wounds, the Snohomish County medical examiner's office said. Two deputies are on leave for the investigation into the September 2 shooting, said a Snohomish County sheriff's spokeswoman. They were part of the SWAT team that responded to a sniper wounding one man and shooting several vehicles. It apparently began when a man was shot in his calf in his driveway. That was followed by reports of bullets hitting cars. The wounded man was treated at a hospital and released. A SWAT team responded and the sniper was killed in a shootout that the sheriff's spokeswoman described as an intense few minutes in which many shots were fired on both sides. The number of shots led police to believe a second sniper might have been involved. It took hours to secure the area.

Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/sniper-accused-of-wounding-man-shooting-cars-in-wash-state-was-likely-killed-by-swat-officer/2012/09/05/71eb2a7a-f723-11e1-a93b-7185e3f88849_story.html

38. *September 4, Contra Costa Times* – (California) **In wake of escapes, security upgrades in line for Devore jail.** On the heels of three recent inmate escapes from the county's Glen Helen Rehabilitation Center in San Bernardino, California, law enforcement officials are looking to upgrade the facility to defend against further security risks, Contra Costa Times reported September 4. The sheriff said the Glen Helen Rehabilitation Center — with barbed-wire fences protecting the perimeter — was designed for minimum-security, but has seen an influx of offenders released from state prison under A.B. 109, California's realignment program, which aims to reduce the prison population by 30,000 by June 2013. The sheriff's department anticipated the potential for problems prior to the first escapes June 19, when two inmates disappeared. Authorities later captured both escapees. The sheriff said his department had already put in an emergency request to the county board of supervisors for \$1 million, funds that will go to security upgrades on items such as doors and fencing.

Source: http://www.contracostatimes.com/california/ci_21467466/wake-escapes-security-upgrades-line-devore-jail

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Information Technology Sector

39. *September 5, Associated Press* – (International) **FBI denies report hackers leak 1 million Apple device IDs.** September 4, the FBI disputed a computer hacker group's claim that it stole personal identification data on millions of Apple device owners from an FBI agent's laptop. FBI officials said the bureau never asked for and never possessed the database that the group, which calls itself AntiSec, posted on a Web site. "The FBI is aware of published reports alleging that an FBI laptop was compromised and private data regarding Apple UDIDs was exposed," a spokeswoman told Fox News. "At this time, there is no evidence indicating that an FBI laptop was compromised or that the FBI either sought or obtained this data." The group released a link to a database of more than 1 million unique identification numbers for Apple devices, which could include iPhones and iPads. AntiSec said the data is just a piece of the more than 12 million unique identification numbers and personal information on the device owners that the group obtained from a laptop used by an FBI agent. The FBI denied it ever had that information. Officials with the bureau said they could not verify the validity of the data AntiSec released. Federal officials also warned that computer users should be careful when clicking on such links because they sometimes may contain malware that can infect computers.
Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/tech/2012/09/04/hackers-leak-1-million-apple-device-ids/?intcmp=obnetwork>
40. *September 5, Computerworld* – (International) **Apple patches Java 6 for OS X Snow Leopard, Lion.** September 5, Apple issued a Java update for OS X Lion and Snow Leopard to make it more difficult for hackers to exploit vulnerabilities. The update brought Java 6 up to par with Oracle's version 35, which it released August 30. Oracle's so-called "out-of-band," or emergency patch, fixed three bugs in Java 7 that hackers already began exploiting, and made one change to Java 6. "[The latter] represents a security-in-depth issue that is not directly exploitable but which can be used to aggravate security vulnerabilities that can be directly exploited," Oracle said in its advisory of a week ago. Apple was required to provide the defense-in-depth update because it still maintains Java 6, which it bundled with 2009's OS X Snow Leopard and offered to users running 2011's Lion as an optional download when they encountered a Java applet on the Web. However, Apple is not responsible for Java 7; the company handed back control of the software to Oracle in 2010. The OS X patches for the three Java 7 flaws, then, were produced by Oracle and shipped the week of August 27 alongside the fixes for the Windows version of Java 7.
Source:
[http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9230933/Apple_patches_Java_6_for_OS_X_Snow_Leopard_Lion?source=rss_security&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed:+computerworld/s/feed/topic/17+\(Computerworld+Security+News\)&utm_content=Google+Read](http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9230933/Apple_patches_Java_6_for_OS_X_Snow_Leopard_Lion?source=rss_security&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed:+computerworld/s/feed/topic/17+(Computerworld+Security+News)&utm_content=Google+Read)
41. *September 5, The H* – (International) **Nine 0days: HP in the security dock again.** The Zero Day Initiative published information about unpatched critical security holes in HP's enterprise products: The zero-day holes all allow remote attackers to inject and execute arbitrary code into the server systems. Eight of the nine holes are rated at the

highest risk level (Common Vulnerability Scoring System) of 10. Before the disclosure of the vulnerability details, HP had up to a year to close the nine critical security holes. Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Nine-0days-HP-in-the-security-dock-again-1699460.html>

42. *September 4, KXAN 21 Austin* – (Texas) **Shots fired at Dell’s Round Rock campus.** Authorities set up a perimeter around several buildings at Dell’s campus in Round Rock, Texas, September 3 after a witness said he saw someone with a gun riding a bicycle in one of the building’s parking lots. Round Rock police said they were called to the campus for a report of shots being fired. When officers got there, they discovered that one of the building’s first-floor break room glass windows was broken. No one was injured, and it was unclear how many shots were actually fired. Austin Police Department’s helicopter helped with the search. A spokesperson with Dell said an unknown individual fired gun shots at the east side of RR 7, breaking three windows. Building 8 was cordoned off as well because the two buildings are connected. Source: <http://www.kxan.com/dpp/news/local/austin/shot-fired-at-dells-round-rock-campus>
43. *September 4, Ars Technica* – (International) **Secret account in mission-critical router opens power plants to tampering.** DHS’ Industrial Control Systems Cyber Emergency Response Team (ICS-CERT) warned power utilities, railroad operators, and other large industrial players of a weakness in a widely used router that leaves them open to tampering by untrusted employees. The line of mission-critical routers manufactured by Fremont, California-based GarrettCom contains an undocumented account with a default password that gives unprivileged users access to advanced options and features, an expert in the security of industrial control systems told Ars Technica. The “factory account” makes it possible for untrusted employees or contractors to significantly escalate their privileges and then tamper with electrical switches or other industrial controls that are connected to the devices. ICS-CERT issued an advisory recommending that users of the GarrettCom devices install a security update that locks down the factory account. Source: <http://arstechnica.com/security/2012/09/secret-account-in-mission-critical-router-opens-power-plants-to-tampering/>
44. *September 4, SecurityWeek* – (International) **New Shamoon malware variant appears: Symantec.** The Shamoon malware is still infecting computers throughout the world, this time with an updated variant, according to new findings by Symantec. The new version — detected by the firm as W32.Distrack — wipes files by overwriting them with 192 KB blocks of randomly generated data as opposed to the previous version, which used a 192 KB block filled with a partial image of a burning U.S. flag. “The initial infection vector remains unconfirmed and may vary in different organizations, but once W32.Distrack is inside a network, it will attempt to spread to every computer within the local area network via network shares,” according to Symantec’s Security Response Team. Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/new-shamoon-malware-variant-appears-symantec>

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Internet Alert Dashboard

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Commercial Facilities Sector

45. *September 5, New Orleans Times-Picayune* – (Louisiana) **Roof damage to keep Kenner movie theater shuttered for time being.** The Hollywood Cinemas 7 multiplex in LaPlace, Louisiana, is expected to be operational after the extended Hurricane Isaac-imposed closure by September 7, the theater's local owner stated. The news for its sister theater in Kenner, Louisiana, however, was not quite as positive. Significant wind damage, to include to the roof of the Kenner building, as well as a continued lack of power September 4 will keep Kenner's Hollywood Cinemas 9 theater shuttered for the time being, said the owner. The Hollywood 7 and Hollywood 9 are the last two local moviehouses to go back online in the wake of Hurricane Isaac.

Source:

http://www.nola.com/movies/index.ssf/2012/09/roof_damage_to_keep_kenner_mov.html

46. *September 5, Boston Globe* – (Massachusetts) **Woman seriously burned, 13 homeless after North End fire.** A four-alarm fire in the neighborhood of North End in Boston, Massachusetts, September 4 left one woman hospitalized with burns and caused \$1 million in damage to a brick apartment building, fire officials said. The fire broke out at and destroyed the building and caused smoke damage to neighboring buildings, stated a Boston Fire Department spokesman. He said 13 people were left homeless. The fire was confined to one street as 100 firefighters were called in to attack the fire from both sides of the building, officials said. The spokesman estimated it could be a year before residents could move back into the building. He said the injured woman was found outside the building and she was rushed to a local hospital with serious burns.

Source: <http://bostonglobe.com/metro/2012/09/05/woman-seriously-burned-north-end-fire-that-heavily-damaged-four-story-building-homeless/6aKMHKedBhQY8ikFKEIUNO/story.html>

47. *September 4, CBS News* – (Massachusetts) **Great white washes ashore, prompts beach closure.** A 13-foot great white shark washed ashore between Westport, Massachusetts and Little Compton, Rhode Island, WBZ 4 Boston reported September 1. A man who was fishing in Brayton Point noticed the fish and contacted police. The discovery of the shark led to the closure of Little Compton's South Shore Goosewing Beach. Two sharks were seen in Cape Cod August 30, which led officials to ban swimming at the area's popular beaches and in July, a man was bitten by a Great White while bodyboarding off Truro; he survived.
Source: http://www.cbsnews.com/8301-201_162-57505798/great-white-washes-ashore-prompts-beach-closure/?tag=strip
48. *September 4, Northwest Cable News* – (Oregon) **Arrest in deadly Salem Walmart shooting.** A suspect was arrested in connection with the deadly September 3 shooting in the parking lot of the Walmart in Salem, Oregon, police said. Investigators said the suspect was arrested in a hotel room in Tigard September 4. The man will be booked into the Marion County Jail on the charge of murder. Police said the suspect waited for the victim outside of the store, when words were exchanged, and the victim was shot. The victim was taken to a hospital where he was pronounced dead.
Source:
<http://www.nwcn.com/home/?fId=168377326&fPath=/news/local&fDomain=10202>

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

49. *September 5, Associated Press* – (California) **Wildfire near LA remains in wilderness area.** A 3,600-acre fire in the San Gabriel Mountains near Los Angeles chewed through thick brush in steep terrain that had not burned in 2 decades amid hot, dry conditions. Because of the terrain and warm temperatures, it could take a week to contain the blaze, said an incident commander of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. It had burned about 5.5 square miles by September 4. In northern California, several fires broke out September 4, including one in Colusa County that had surged to 1,000 acres and forced the closure of Highway 16. A 200-acre spot fire broke out about 3 miles away.
Source: <http://www.businessweek.com/ap/2012-09-05/wildfire-near-la-remains-in-wilderness-area>
50. *September 4, KBOI 2 Boise* – (Idaho) **Crews start taming Trinity Fire, evacuation orders lifted.** Hard working crews and cooler temperatures have helped halt the Trinity Ridge fire's seemingly unstoppable march into Featherville, Idaho, where evacuation orders have now been lifted, KBOI 2 Boise reported September 4. The threat to Idaho City has greatly diminished as well. Fire managers were able to divert critical resources to the State's biggest fire, the Mustang complex, which has scorched more than 240,000 acres in the Salmon-Challis National Forest. The Mustang fire was 16 percent contained. The Trinity Ridge fire was 43 percent contained at 145,000 acres. The

Halstead fire, north of Stanley, was 7 percent contained at 131,000 acres, and continued to cause problems on Highway 75.

Source: <http://www.kboi2.com/news/local/fire-wrap-168533746.html>

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Dams Sector

51. *September 5, Saigon GP Daily* – (International) **Leaks plugged in dam of Song Tranh 2 Hydropower Plant.** Vietnam Electricity (EVN), investor of the Song Tranh 2 Hydropower Plant in Bac Tra My District in the central province of Quang Nam, stated September 4 that leaks at the dam in the plant were almost fully repaired, with leaking reduced by more than 90 percent. EVN stated this at a meeting hosted by the state council for reviewing progress made on the repair of leaks at the dam of the plant's reservoir. The meeting took place 1 day after Bac Tra My District was shaken by five consecutive tremors September 3. Power Engineering Consulting Joint Stock Company 1, consultants for the Song Tranh 2 project, said that the plant's dam is now safe and can withstand even a 5.5 magnitude earthquake.

Source: <http://www.saigon-gpdaily.com.vn/National/2012/9/102642/>

52. *September 5, WJTV 12 Jackson* – (Mississippi) **Evacuation from dam still in effect.** A precautionary evacuation of 14 homes below the Buccaneer Drive Dam on Oak Grove Lake in Lamar County, Mississippi, was issued by the Lamar County Emergency Management Agency. A slide occurred on the dam September 3, and further damage to the slide prompted the precautionary evacuation. The dam had not been breached, but engineers believe the dam could fail. Reports indicated the dam held overnight. Pumping began September 4 and continued September 5 to lower the lake to a safe level.

Source: <http://www2.wjtv.com/news/2012/sep/05/evacuation-dam-still-effect-ar-4483104/>

53. *September 4, Associated Press* – (Colorado) **Repairs beginning on Lily Lake Dam near Estes Park.** Repairs began at Lily Lake Dam in Rocky Mountain National Park to prevent it from failing, the Associated Press reported September 4. The work will mean about 500 feet of the Lily Lake Trail across the dam will be closed. Park staff members said the repair work could last through the end of November. The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation determined it is a high-hazard dam that could flood areas along Fish Creek if it were to fail. Fish Creek flows into Lake Estes in Estes Park.

Source: <http://www.koaa.com/news/repairs-beginning-on-lily-lake-dam-near-estes-park/>

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